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**U.S. Patent No. 5,861,062 corresponds to JP 10-507685; and  
U.S. Patent No. 4,378,728 corresponds to JP 54-160443.**

5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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